

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, February 15, 2008 – 0800 MST
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

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| Initial attack activity: | Light (134 new fires) |
| New large fires: | 4 (*) |
| Large fires contained: | 5 |
| Uncontained large fires: | 10 |
| Area Command Teams committed: | 0 |
| NIMOs committed: | 0 |
| Type 1 IMTs committed: | 0 |
| Type 2 IMTs committed: | 2 |
| Fire Use Teams committed: | 0 |

** Uncontained large fires do not include WFU or confine/contain incidents. **

This will be the last daily Incident Management Situation Report. This report will be posted every Friday unless significant activity occurs.

Southern Area (PL 3)

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| New fires: | 121 |
| New large fires: | 4 |
| Uncontained large fires: | 10 |
| Type 2 IMTs committed: | 2 |

Texas Winter Fires 2008, Texas Forest Service. IMT2 (Hannemann). Multiple Texas counties. IMT managing the Broadway and Alaniz fires, and supporting fire suppression operations throughout west Texas. Low to extreme fire activity. Numerous residences and other structures threatened.

Mexico Pasture, Osage Agency, BIA. Three miles southeast of Okesa, OK. Timber and grass. Wind driven fire runs.

Wesley's Neighbor, Wewoka Agency, BIA. Two miles south of Seminole, OK. Hardwood litter and grass. Wind driven fire runs. Residences and outbuildings threatened.

Little Cuba, George Washington & Jefferson National Forests. IMT2 (Wilder). Two miles southeast of New Castle, VA. Hardwood litter. Minimal fire spread.

Gum Bay, National Forests in Florida. Six miles northeast of Smith Creek, FL. Southern rough. Creeping and smoldering.

Gray, Anadarko Agency, BIA. Thirteen miles south of Carnegie, OK. Tall grass. Interior burning and smoldering. Structures threatened.

McPherson Road, North Carolina DOF. Three miles north of South Mills, NC. Southern rough and timber. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened.

Broadway, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land three miles northwest of Amarillo, TX. Chaparral. Monitor fire.

Henscratch, Florida DOF. Seven miles northwest of Lake Placid, FL. Southern rough. Smoldering. Monitor fire.

Lynch Road, North Carolina DOF. Two miles southeast of Essex, NC. Timber. No new information

| Incident Name | St | Unit | Size | Size Chge 24 Hrs | % CTN | Est Ctn | Totl Pers | Pers Chge 24 Hrs | Crw | Eng | Heli | Strc Lost | \$\$ CTD | Origin Own |
|-------------------------|----|------|--------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Texas Winter Fires 2008 | TX | TXS | 12,462 | 360 | NR | UNK | 286 | 20 | 0 | 7 | 13 | 0 | 2.9M | PRI |
| * Mexico Pasture | OK | OSA | 500 | --- | 70 | 2/16 | 40 | --- | 0 | 17 | 0 | 0 | NR | BIA |
| * Wesley's Neighbor | OK | WEA | 210 | --- | 70 | UNK | 16 | --- | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | .05K | BIA |
| Little Cuba | VA | VAF | 2,718 | 0 | 80 | 2/15 | 216 | -17 | 15 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 543K | FS |
| Gum Bay | FL | FNF | 3,942 | --- | 50 | UNK | 10 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 37K | FS |
| Gray | OK | ANA | 800 | 160 | 75 | UNK | 13 | -265 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | NR | BIA |
| McPherson Road | NC | NCS | 2,300 | 0 | 95 | UNK | 52 | 23 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 64.5K | ST |
| Broadway | TX | TXS | 500 | 0 | 90 | UNK | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | NR | PRI |
| Henscratch | FL | FLS | 403 | 0 | 95 | UNK | 2 | -42 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | NR | ST |
| Lynch Road | NC | NCS | 1,500 | --- | 95 | UNK | 59 | --- | 0 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 24K | ST |
| Chevron | TX | TXS | 8,924 | 0 | 100 | --- | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | NR | PRI |
| * Pocohontas Road | VA | VAS | 2,688 | --- | 100 | --- | 0 | --- | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | NR | ST |
| Alaniz | TX | TXS | 1,200 | 0 | 100 | --- | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | NR | PRI |
| Highway 1 | NC | NCS | 899 | 799 | 100 | --- | 3 | --- | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 10K | ST |
| * Underwood | NC | NCS | 257 | --- | 100 | --- | 0 | --- | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5K | ST |

VAS – Virginia DOF

Predictive Services Discussion: Much of the Southeast will see low humidity and light winds today with humidity increasing Saturday leading to rain on Sunday. Arizona will have rain and mountain snow today with the precipitation spreading into New Mexico and Texas on Saturday.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

HELICOPTER PERFORMANCE AND EFFECTIVENESS

Certain helicopter missions push the limits of the aircraft's performance capabilities. Items that reduce the effectiveness and increase the risk of the mission include weight, temperature, altitude, and visibility.

- Helicopter missions that transport external loads increase risk.
- Helicopters reach their maximum performance capabilities as temperature and/or altitude increase.
- All helicopters have different maximum performance capabilities, so be aware of the capabilities of the specific helicopter that you are working with.
- Low-level helicopter operations often occur in heavy smoke where hazards (e.g., trees, snags, antennas, visibility, turbulence, and other aircraft) increase the risk level significantly.
- Determine the risk level for every mission. Is the risk level acceptable? Can the risk be mitigated? If the risk is not acceptable or it cannot be mitigated, then the mission should not be flown.
- A large part of the success of a helicopter mission is the result of good communications between the pilot and the user on the ground.
- Accurate target and hazard descriptions are essential to a safe mission. Locate this information and relay it to the pilot. Things to consider in the target description include:
 - Have you considered what the target would look like from the air?
 - Are you located where the pilot can see you?
 - Do you have a signal mirror?
 - Are you using cardinal directions or clock directions in relation to the track of the aircraft?
 - What is the wind direction? Provide this information to the pilot.
 - Are all firefighters clear of the drop area?
 - Is there a safer way to carry out an effective suppression action?

Fires and Acres Yesterday

| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|-------|
| Alaska | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northwest | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northern California | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southern California | FIRES | | | | | | 9 | 9 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southwest | FIRES | | 1 | | | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| | ACRES | | 0 | | | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 2 | | 4 | | 115 | 0 | 121 |
| | ACRES | 710 | | 63 | | 6,197 | 72 | 7,042 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 2 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 116 | 11 | 134 |
| | ACRES | 710 | 0 | 63 | 0 | 6,198 | 72 | 7,043 |

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-----|-------|-----|---------|--------|---------|
| Alaska | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northwest | FIRES | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 3 | 3 |
| Northern California | FIRES | | | | 1 | | 2 | 3 |
| | ACRES | | | | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| Southern California | FIRES | | 3 | | | 86 | 13 | 102 |
| | ACRES | | 0 | | | 46 | 0 | 46 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 600 | | 600 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| | ACRES | | | | 0 | | | 0 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southwest | FIRES | 13 | 8 | | | 40 | 4 | 65 |
| | ACRES | 2 | 4 | | | 13,581 | 500 | 14,087 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | | | | | 15 | 4 | 19 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 6,364 | 2 | 6,366 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | | | | 2 | 65 | 10 | 77 |
| | ACRES | | | | 27 | 128 | 84 | 239 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 318 | | 57 | 7 | 4,069 | 73 | 4,524 |
| | ACRES | 13,567 | | 2,974 | 298 | 157,768 | 10,899 | 185,506 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 331 | 11 | 57 | 11 | 4,276 | 107 | 4,793 |
| | ACRES | 13,569 | 4 | 2,974 | 325 | 178,487 | 11,488 | 206,847 |

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| Seven Year Average Fires | 3,589 |
| Seven Year Average Acres | 129,013 |

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Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday

| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|--------|--------|
| Alaska | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northwest | FIRES | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 18 | 18 |
| Northern California | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southern California | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southwest | FIRES | | 2 | | | | 8 | 10 |
| | ACRES | | 335 | | | | 441 | 776 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | | | | | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 2,200 | 335 | 2,535 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | | | 2 | | 3 | 10 | 15 |
| | ACRES | | | 792 | | 2,300 | 11,738 | 14,830 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 20 | 29 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 335 | 792 | 0 | 4,500 | 12,532 | 18,159 |

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| Alaska | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northwest | FIRES | | 2 | | | | 9 | 11 |
| | ACRES | | 41 | | | | 173 | 214 |
| Northern California | FIRES | 10 | 3 | | 1 | | 27 | 41 |
| | ACRES | 213 | 36 | | 0 | | 134 | 383 |
| Southern California | FIRES | | 1 | | | | 24 | 25 |
| | ACRES | | 5 | | | | 339 | 344 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | | 5 | | | | 2 | 7 |
| | ACRES | | 1,150 | | | | 81 | 1,231 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | | 2 | | 1 | 4 | 8 | 15 |
| | ACRES | | 3 | | 15 | 60 | 211 | 289 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | 1 | | | | 1 | 2 |
| | ACRES | | 11 | | | | 99 | 110 |
| Southwest | FIRES | 12 | 6 | | 4 | | 30 | 52 |
| | ACRES | 1,223 | 1,725 | | 90 | | 1,939 | 4,977 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | 4 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 49 | 72 |
| | ACRES | 12 | 301 | 112 | 110 | 2,263 | 9,275 | 12,073 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | | | 1 | | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| | ACRES | | | 1 | | 221 | 78 | 300 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 1 | | 34 | 17 | 79 | 187 | 318 |
| | ACRES | 240 | | 10,589 | 15,520 | 51,592 | 168,288 | 246,229 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 27 | 27 | 39 | 24 | 90 | 340 | 547 |
| | ACRES | 1,688 | 3,272 | 10,702 | 15,735 | 54,136 | 180,617 | 266,150 |

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WFU Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|-------|
| Alaska | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northwest | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northern California | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southern California | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southwest | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 70 | 70 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 70 |

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